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RE: **Support for Option A Map**

Dear Commissioners,

As a forty-five year old Asian Pacific community development organization serving Los Angeles county, PACE (Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment) has deep understanding of the need for representation for the Asian Pacific Islander communities.

We appreciate the work you have done in listening to community input for the redistricting maps and thank you for the opportunity to provide our feedback on the draft maps.

I urge the commission to adopt the Option A map as is: Option A map **Keeps AAPI Communities whole** and includes Little Tokyo , Chinatown , Thai- Town, Historic Filipino Town, and Koreatown. These communities share similar social and economic characteristics (i.e. limited English proficient, low income or working class, undocumented, and renters vulnerable to gentrification and displacement). Additionally, these communities share similar policy concerns (i.e. access to affordable housing and access to in-language and culturally competent health care) Lastly, these communities want to be kept whole, not split across more than one district. We want to be paired with other AAPI communities and communities of color with whom we have shared interests and concerns.

Please consider adopting this map so that the most underserved communities can have a strong political voice as we recover in an equitable and dignified way.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input. We hope you take our recommendations into consideration to ensure that the voices of AAPIs are heard.

Sincerely,

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